

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 22, 2023

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Green

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Scott, Andrus

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Crane (13)** called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

**H 138:** **Rep. Manwaring** presented **H 138**, legislation combining the Presidential March Primary Election with the May Primary Election. Moving the Presidential Primary to May places Idaho with all other states who hold their Presidential Primary in May and should result in increased voter turn out and an estimated cost savings of \$2.7 million.

**Phil McGrane**, Secretary of State, testified in support of **H 138**, stating Idaho has spent almost \$5 million on the March Presidential Primary Election and the anticipated turn out to these elections has not been what they anticipated but seems to have resulted in a decrease in voter turn out for the May Primary Election date .

**MOTION:** **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 138** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Manwaring will sponsor the bill on the floor.**

**RS 30143:** **Rep. Alfieri** presented **RS 30143**, proposed legislation which is an extensive update of Idaho's Unclaimed Property law. Rep. Alfieri stated the last rewrite was completed in 1983 and the significant changes include the addition of, loyalty, gift, and store value cards, and virtual currency. Another notable change is shortening the time period from 5 years to 3 years to classify property abandoned. The Treasurer's current volume of unclaimed property is \$228 million.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30143. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 30272:** **Rep. Ehardt** presented **RS 30272**, proposed legislation prohibiting public contracts with companies that are boycotting certain industries using the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria. Rep. Ehardt stated **RS 30272** also defines boycotting.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Skaug** made a motion to introduce **RS 30272. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 30389:** **Rep. Ehardt** presented **RS 30389**, proposed legislation to ensure banks and credit unions do not boycott industries important to our state using ESG criteria. Rep. Ehardt stated collaboration with banks, credit unions, and various stakeholders has been used on this legislation and there is an appeals process provided.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 30389. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 30343:** **Rep. Monks** presented **RS 30343**, proposed legislation amending relevant procurement statutes to restrict the state from using ESG criteria in evaluating contract bids. Contract awards must be based on competitive pricing, contract requirements and contractor qualifications.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Crane (12)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30343. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 A.M.

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Representative Crane (13)  
Chair

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Lisa Hendricks  
Secretary